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## The Chicago Platform.

The republican platform is adequate.  
It covers all the important questions at  
issue. It is well phrased. It is not  
too long. Upon it any republican states-  
man might stand as a candidate for  
President, and to it every republican of  
the rank and file can, and should, give  
active allegiance.Preparedness that will prepare, and  
when provided serve, is declared for.  
An army sufficient in size and equipment  
for any hour of danger. A navy large  
enough to protect either our eastern or  
western coast against aggressions from  
any source—so large that "no enemy  
can gain command of the sea and effect  
a landing."Protection that will protect both capital  
and labor. The restoration of a pol-  
icy from which the country has derived  
only benefit. A tariff commission, but  
only for the purpose of collecting statis-  
tics for the use of Congress. Not a  
tribunal for the arrangement of sched-  
ules or the fixing of rates, on the propo-  
sition that Congress is incompetent to  
deal with the tariff question intelli-  
gently.A friendly supervision, and not an un-  
friendly nagging, of business. Encour-  
age instead of throttle business.Additional laws that will "secure the  
safety, conservation and protection of  
labor from the dangers incident to in-  
dustry and transportation."A merchant marine assisted by the  
government, but not by any means  
smacking in the slightest of state so-  
cialism.The Monroe doctrine reaffirmed, our  
further duty in the Philippines defi-  
nitely pledged, economy without pars-  
imony promised.The criticism of the Wilson adminis-  
tration is, of course, on partisan lines.  
It must stand the test of a four-month  
stumping debate. The record is open  
to all, both for and against, and stump-  
ers on both sides will avail themselves  
of the great quadrennial opportunity.The candidate in his character and  
ability will be much, but so will be this  
platform. The voters will read it, and  
those who accept it will expect and de-  
mand its redemption in case of success  
at the polls. A striking feature of the  
criticism of the democracy is that the  
platform upon which it obtained power  
did not hold. Promises made at Balti-  
more have either been ignored or vio-  
lated, and conditions produced which  
have substituted a personality for the  
party.This is not desirable, and it should not  
happen again. This is a government by  
parties, not personalities, and when a  
party obtains power it should live up  
to all of its promises and professions.  
"A spread of molasses" is at once dis-  
creditable and dangerous.In the seating arrangements at Chi-  
cago Col. Bryan was not conspicuously  
provided for. However, it was not his  
kind of a convention. The obligations  
of professional courtesy and fraternal  
kindness will be rather greater at St.  
Louis.It is a discreet arrangement that  
brings a keynote speech forward at a  
time when there is no danger of its get-  
ting mixed up in the general discord.By way of an example of prepared-  
ness, T. E. had his suit case packed  
and standing beside him while he was  
telephoning to Chicago.

## Russia's Continued Advance.

Russia's new offensive on the Aus-  
trian line in Volhynia is developing, ac-  
cording to Petrograd dispatches, into  
a tremendous movement which, if con-  
tinued, must seriously imperil the Teu-  
tonic stability on the eastern front. It  
is claimed by Russia that a breach 700  
miles wide has been effected, on the Aus-  
trian defense line. The capture of the  
fortress of Lutsk has resulted in the  
Russian advance of about twenty miles  
in such a direction that Austrian posi-  
tions at Dubno and Rovno are gravely  
imperiled, and a further retreat, perhaps  
beyond the Russo-Austrian line, is likely  
to result. Indeed, Petrograd triumphantly  
declares that the precipitate retreat  
of five Austrian armies, comprising the  
chief line of defense against repeated  
invasion, is inevitable.It is not plain whether this Russian  
offensive has caused a weakening of the  
Austrian line in Italy, where recently  
the Teutonic advance has been checked.  
It is not probable, however, that the  
Russian pressure has been the cause of any  
depletion of the Austrian forces on the  
southern front. Rather it is likely that  
the Russian success in Volhynia is due  
to a weakening of the Austrian lines  
there for the sake of the drive against  
Italy. Yet the dispatches, from both Rus-  
sian and German sources, attribute the  
Russian success scored thus far to a tre-  
mendous use of artillery, against which  
the Austrian forces have been unable to  
stand. From one German source has come  
word of the apparently inexhaustible  
supply of Russian artillery ammunition. Ifthis condition prevails it is a marked  
and important change behind the Rus-  
sian lines. When the munitions failed  
some months ago the Russian armies  
were at the crest of the Carpathians in  
Hungary and at the doors of German  
Poland and East Prussia, and in some  
places even on German soil. The great  
retreat has been attributed chiefly to  
the lack of ammunition.A notable feature of the Russian ad-  
vance has been the large number of  
prisoners captured. According to Petro-  
grad reports up to date more than  
50,000 Austrians have been taken, in it-  
self a serious loss to the Austrian forces  
apart from the casualties. Just how it  
happened that such large bodies of men  
have been cut off and seized has not yet  
been explained, save briefly by the sug-  
gestion that the Russian "curtain fire"  
thrown behind the advanced Austrian  
positions has prevented retreat from their  
positions in conditions permitting wholesale  
captures. If this is true it marks a  
pronounced superiority in Russian artil-  
lery, and if this superiority prevails un-  
checked it presages a continuous Rus-  
sian advance into Galicia and perhaps  
on other fronts.

## The President and Tammany.

Friends of the administration are  
much cheered by a report that Tammany  
will not only be regular this year, but  
most cordially so. As the story goes,  
not a trace of bitterness remains in or-  
ganization circles either as to the expe-  
rience at the Baltimore convention or  
later. Neither Mr. Bryan's denunciations  
four years ago, nor Mr. Wilson's  
neglect since, has soured Mr. Murphy's  
old style, true blue, dyed-in-the-wool,  
yard-wide democracy. He and his lieuten-  
ants will go to St. Louis to assist in  
the Wilson proceedings there, and then  
return home to work with might and  
main for victory at the polls. If those  
most interested are sure of that as-  
surance they have reason for their com-  
fortable feelings. For Tammany is the  
main democratic asset in New York, and  
New York is indispensable to demo-  
cratic success in November.In 1892 Richard Croker, then the  
leader of Tammany, played the game  
differently. He and his organization  
had been ignored during Mr. Cleveland's  
first administration, and here was Mr.  
Cleveland asking for a third nomina-  
tion and a second term.An important point was, Could Mr.  
Cleveland carry New York? Mr. Croker  
said no, and took his two famous orators—  
Bourke Cockran and Senator Tom  
Grady—to the national convention to  
give the reasons.Bourke Cockran's speech was the hit  
and sensation of the occasion. He elec-  
trified his audience, and at the moment  
Mr. Cleveland's chance for the nomina-  
tion looked slim. But Mr. Cleveland  
won. William C. Whitney was present,  
and assured delegates in private con-  
versation that, notwithstanding all that  
Tammany was saying, Mr. Cleveland  
could carry New York, and that Tam-  
many would support him.Such proved to be true. Mr. Whit-  
ney's knowledge of human nature was  
supplemented by an intimate knowledge  
of Tammany nature. He brought Mr.  
Croker and his organization into line.Tammany's part at St. Louis will be  
easy. All necessary will be to join the  
procession. Everybody will be travel-  
ing in the same direction. All roads  
will lead to Wilson. Later, however, if  
Tammany is to carry New York it must  
hump itself. Particularly if a New York  
man—say Justice Hughes—leads the re-  
publicans.And to hump itself Tammany will  
need to be encouraged; and the en-  
couragement may have to be set down  
in black and white. If Tammany names  
terms will the managers of the admin-  
istration's campaign meet them?No higher compliment could be paid  
the late Gen. Kitchener than evidence  
of relief of mind among his country's  
enemies because of his taking away.Both English and German experts are  
now giving out elaborate explanations of  
how the enemy's fleet came to be de-  
feated.Speeches at commencement exercises  
have attained more influence this sum-  
mer than they customarily exert.Any bull moose declaration, formal  
or otherwise, can be readily condensed.  
It resolves itself to "We want Teddy!"

## The North Sea Fight Mystery.

The mystery of the North sea battle  
is not yet clear. The Germans continue  
to insist that the British losses were  
greater than the admiralty at London  
has admitted, specifically declaring that  
the Wasp was sunk, although London  
has definitely asserted that the  
Wasp was safe. To add to the con-  
fusion Berlin acknowledges that two  
ships not heretofore listed as lost, the  
battle cruiser Luetzow, 26,000 tons, and  
the cruiser Rostock, 4,900 tons, sank on  
their way back to port. It would seem  
that the explanation that the vessels  
were lost on way to harbor was suffi-  
cient justification for withholding the  
announcement of their sinking, but in  
point of fact the official German state-  
ment attributes the reticence on this  
subject to "military reasons." This  
phrase has stimulated British specula-  
tion as to whether for similar reasons  
other losses have been concealed. Taken  
altogether the situation is greatly con-  
fused. The loss of the cruiser Hamp-  
shire with Lord Kitchener and his staff  
has distracted attention considerably  
from the North sea battle, and lessened  
interest somewhat in the exact score of  
that engagement, but eventually the sub-  
ject must be cleared, if possible. Ob-  
viously it is to the interest of each  
side to claim that the heaviest losses  
were on the other side. England doesnot deny a preponderance of tonnage  
loss, but insists that proportionately the  
German damage was much greater than  
that suffered by the British navy and  
denies any actual loss in sea prestige or  
power. These doubts all tend to in-  
crease the probability of another en-  
gagement on the high seas.

## The New Recorder.

President Wilson has broken several  
precedents since he entered the White  
House, but none that has given more  
satisfaction to citizens of Washington  
than his abandonment of the practice of  
giving the strictly local office of re-  
corder of deeds to one from beyond the  
District. Notwithstanding repeated  
party platform declarations in favor of  
local home rule, this office has for years  
been given for partisan purposes to out-  
siders. When two years ago it became  
vacant through the resignation of the  
incumbent the President was subjected  
to pressure to follow the custom of  
treating it as patronage and to give it  
to a man from one of the states.The nomination of John F. Costello,  
announced yesterday, is satisfactory to  
the people of the District, not only on  
the ground of having the office occupied  
by a Washingtonian, familiar with local  
conditions, but also on account of the  
acceptable personality of the new in-  
cumbent. Mr. Costello has always lived  
in Washington and has been identified  
with its interests actively throughout his  
career as a citizen. His personal  
qualifications are such as to assure an  
efficient administration of this position,  
and he is to be congratulated upon be-  
ing the first local man to fill this place  
for many years.Caranza is engaged in the difficult  
task of convincing an admiring but tem-  
peramental constituency that he can tell  
the U. S. A. exactly what is going to be  
done.Conventions sing the old songs and re-  
tain familiar rhetoric. But some new  
ideas are, nevertheless, creeping into the  
platforms.It is a hard matter to get enough men  
over the telephone to satisfy a man in  
the habit of addressing large audiences.Any future convention that fears lack  
of enthusiasm might employ Billy Sun-  
day to deliver the opening prayer.It is startling to see how widely sin-  
cere men may disagree on so seemingly  
simple a matter as patriotic duty.The bull moose party is never both-  
ered by the possibility of a dark horse  
looming up.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

## Business and Pleasure.

"Do you think a man ought to let  
pleasure interfere with business?"  
"Certainly not," replied Mr. Dustin  
Stax. "Anybody who enjoys business  
as much as I do couldn't find any plea-  
sure to equal it."

## The Sport of It.

"Is there any gratification in being a  
favorite son?" asked the ordinary citi-  
zen.  
"Yes," replied the politician; "about  
the same as going fishing even if you  
don't catch anything."

## No Exceptions.

Life's small but fierce exasperations  
The greatest men as victims claim.  
A man may be extolled by nations.  
A toothache gets him just the same.

## One Thing Sure.

"You can't be sure about anything in  
this life."  
"Well," replied the cautious citizen,  
"I think we can at least feel reasonably  
certain that the straw hat season has  
at last arrived.""What makes some men great," said  
Uncle Eben, "is doing things. Other men  
get great by saying things in a way that  
makes people take a fancy to 'em."

## Golden Silence.

If silence is golden, as we have been  
told,  
How rockless, indeed, is the world with  
its gold!  
How we shatter the silence with words  
that are flung  
In mighty array, spoken, printed or  
sung.We rail and we praise and we offer ad-  
vice.  
Nor study to render our language pre-  
cise;  
And epithets strange are tossed into the  
air.In a prodigal spirit that banishes care,  
Today we will offer of comment a lot.  
Which tomorrow we know will be wholly  
forgot.  
The scariness of silence we view as a  
joke.  
If silence is golden, we're all going  
broke!

## Confidence.

From the New York Times.  
Why does this country tend always  
to belittle its wealth, its works, its  
men and its power to meet calamity?  
It does, and yet we are thought to be  
a people unimpaired by modesty.  
Yankee boastfulness is a proverb in  
this world, but no Yankee ever told  
you all the truth. He never dared,  
and, besides, he could not make him-  
self believe the whole length and  
depth and breadth of it. Distrusting  
their own judgment, the American peo-  
ple lack confidence in their great es-  
tate. The temperament is rich in dar-  
ing, faith and optimism, but poor in  
confidence, which is a quality that  
comes with time. A young people per-  
haps should not have it. It is not good  
to have everything.

## A Jolter.

From the Boston Transcript.  
A New Jersey woman, choosing to  
death on a walnut, was being rushed  
to the hospital yesterday, when the  
jolting of the machine bounced the nut  
out and saved her life. Now, what  
make of car do you suppose that could  
have been?

## No Domestic Immunity.

From the Detroit Free Press.  
Rev. Bouck White has been sent to  
prison for inciting the Mexicans to  
fight against the United States.

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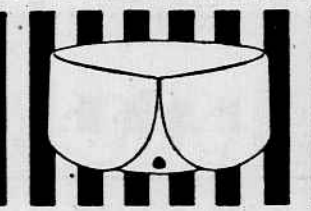
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self believe the whole length and  
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